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MRS. PEREZ TO UNDERGO SURGERY

(August 10, 2005)--- Maria Perez, wife of Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez, is undergoing surgery today at New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City to clip aneurysms. The facility has some of the leading doctors in this field. This procedure is part of Mrs. Perez's ongoing treatment and observation after her hospitalization in June. The decision came after much medical consultation and family prayer.

Mayor Perez will be at his wife's side as she recovers. He is expected to be out of the office for about a week. Chief Operating Officer Lee Erdmann and Chief of Staff Matt Hennessy will keep the Mayor up-to-date on all daily government matters while he is away.

The Perez family thanks everyone for their continued support. Mayor Perez appreciates the expressions of concern and support from both New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer.